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TO: Commandant of the Marine Corps
HQs United States Marine Corps
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SUBJECT: Marine Corps Participation on the Strategic
Warning Staff (SWS)

References: a. MPP-37A-dlm
b. Special Asst to DCI for Strategic Warning
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1. I welcome your acceptance of our invitation to provide a Marine Corps officer to the Strategic Warning Staff.

2. As you know, the SWS is a small, inter-agency staff which supports me as Special Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence for Strategic Warning. Individuals assigned to the staff have primary responsibility for coverage of a general subject area usually relating to one of the countries for which the staff has warning responsibility. There is flexibility as to that assignment with the decision determined not only by the staff's needs, but also by the background and interests of the individual concerned. In any case, areas of specialization are not closely defined because strategic warning itself requires broad knowledge and an ability to consider specific developments in the more general context. The following attributes, not necessarily in order of importance, may help in selecting a candidate:

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a. Substantive knowledge of military and political matters in the USSR, the Warsaw Pact, China or North Korea. Detailed knowledge of a specific topic, e.g., the Soviet Naval Infantry, is useful but secondary.

b. The ability to digest, synthesize, and draw conclusions from large amounts of information.

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